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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV RH UK BC

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PATROTIC FRONT STATEMENT ON ALL-PARTIES
MEETING

REF: STATE 87925

1. WITH MINEXTAFF MOGWE IN MEETINGS ON APRIL 6, HIS FIRST DAY BACK FROM LAGOS, I ASKED HIS PERMSEC MPOTOKWANE WHAT ACTION MOGWE HAD TAKEN TO OBTAIN PF PUBLIC STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL-PARTIES MEETING PER REFTEL. I ALSO SAW JOE LEGWAILA, SENIOR PRIVATE SECRETARY (POLITICAL), WHO ACCOMPANIED MOGWE TO LAGOS, AND RAISED SAME QUESTION WITH HIM.

2. MPOTOKWANE SAID HE ASSUMED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM SINCE PF WAS ALREADY ON RECORD AS AGREEING TO THE MEETING;
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HE POINTED TO LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE OF MARCH 22 "QUOTING NKOMO AS WILLING TO ATTEND ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE. MPOPTOKWANE LATER CALLED BACK TO SAY MOGWE INDEED RECALLS FL MINISTERS' OBLIGATION AND WILL SEND FOLLOW-UP TO FONMIM MWALE IN LUSAKA ASKING HIM TO TAKE ACTION. MPOTOKWANE REPORTED THAT LUNCH WITH MUGABE IN LAGOS HAD NOT LED TO DISCUSSION ON THIS POINT, WHICH MOGWE

ACKNOWLEDGED HE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN UP

3. LEGWAILA ALSO READILY RECALLED AGREEMENT OUTLINED REFTTEL, EVEN DESCRIBING IN SOME DETAIL HOW FL REPS HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE TO REASSURE SECRETARY VANCE THAT SUCH A PUBLIC STATEMENT WOULD BE POSSIBLE. MOGWE AND LEGWAILA HAD DISCUSSED NEXT STEPS TO PRODUCE PROMISED STATEMENT AND HAD CONCLUDED THAT ZAMBIANS WOULD BE IN BEST POSITION TO FOLLOW-UP.

4. NOTE: DAR'S 1479, JUST RECEIVED, RAISES QUESTION OF INVITATIONS TO ATTEND ARUSHA MEETING. LEGWAILA INFORMED ME EARLIER THAT MOGWE AND HE HAVE RESERVATIONS FOR TRAVEL TO DAR ARRIVING APRIL 14. THEY HAVE CLEARLY INTERPRETED DISCUSSIONS IN LAGOS AS PROVIDING SUFFICIENT INVITATION TO ATTEND THE ARUSHA CONFERENCE.
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